

2026 Hotzone Conference Course Topics

Pre-Conference (Thursday)

- Physical & Chemical Properties for Risk Based Response (Ramsey)
- Disaster Wargaming (Simmental/Leonard)
- Houston Ship Channel Tour (Hand, Lawhorn, Newell)
- Hazmat Scenario Simulator (Bourgeois/Janke)
- Hazmat Toxicology (Bevelacqua/Murphy)
- The Hazmat Officer's Three-Ring Circus (Socks, Hawley, Bradley, Waterfield)
- The Meter Guys Air Monitoring for First Responders: When Meters Matter ((Russell)
- Field Classification, Identification, and Verification (Heinz/Matlock)
- Joint Hazard Assessment Team (Wagner)
- Advance Technical Reference (Sharp)

Conference (Friday, Schedule TBD)

- Hazmat Response to Smells (Hawley)
- Compass, Pt 1 & 2 (Lewis)
- Emergency Response to Illicit Labs (Frost)
- Inside the Fenceline, Pt 1 & 2 (Silverman/Cullen)
- The Hidden Hazards of Modern Firegrounds, Pt 1 & 2 (Russell)
- Scenario Based Training - Running Out of Ideas? (Rudner)
- Hazardous Materials Research Roles and Responsibilities (Donahue)
- Air Monitoring Considerations for Initial Arriving Hazmat Response, Pt 1 & 2 (Ramsey)
- Emergency Response to Corrosive Incidents: Thinking It Through (Murdock)
- BioIQ, Pt 1 & 2 (Aguirre/Suarez)
- Risk Based Response to Solar Energy (Frost)
- The Dust Explosion Pentagon (Socks/Waterfield)
- Risk Based Response to Biological Threats (Baxter)
- Responding to Natural Gas Emergencies (Callan)
- SNG, RNG, LNG - OMG! (Jantzen)

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Conference (Saturday, Schedule TBD)

- How to Create a Venom Response Team for Your Department, Pt 1 & 2 (Kelly/Aguirre/Gillson)
- Safe, Unsafe, and Dangerous, Pt1 & 2 (Callan)
- Advanced Response to EVs and Battery Emergencies (Frost)
- Beyond the Beep, Pt 1 & 2 (Matlock/Heinz)
- First In Officer to RxR Emergencies (Burch)
- How to Develop a Regional HazMat Training/Certification Program (Jantzen/Herrin)
- Responding to Railroad Incidents, Pt 1 & 2 (Rudner)
- Oxidizers and Swimming Pool Chemicals, Pt 1 & 2 (Murdock/Ramsey)
- Alternative Fuels (Elliott)
- HazMat by the Numbers, Pt 1 & 2 (Hawley)
- Hazmat Teams Role in Confined Space Incidents (Zientek)
- Crazy Concoctions, Obnoxious Odors, and Colored Smoke (Silverman/Cullen)
- Common Sense, Isn't (Lewis)
- AI in the Hot Zone (Bevelacqua/Murphy)
- Challenging Foursome, Pt 1 & 2 (Socks, Hawley, Bradley, Waterfield)
- Hydrogen Emergencies (Baxter)
- Beyond the Hole (Lewis)
- Hold My Matches and Watch This!, Pt 1 & 2 (Ramsey)
- Hazmat Officer Strategy and Tactics (Frost)
- LNG Awareness, Safety and Emergency Response - Train the Trainer, Pt 1 & 2 (Jantzen)
- You're the Safety Officer Today (Bevelacqua, Murphy)
- Loch Ness, Big Foot, and Dale's Cone of Learning (Donahue)
- Chemical Assisted Suicide (Murdock)
- Advanced HazMat/CBRN Detection (Baxter)
- The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly of the Hazmat Incident (Zientek)
- Beyond the Box: Understanding Intermodal Tank Containers (Silverman/Frost)
- Air Monitoring: Using the Technology and What Is It Saying (Rudner)
- Chemical Time Bombs (Crockett)